Sino-US Nuclear Deal

1886. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have any information that Sino-US nuclear deal is in the offing as reported in certain sections of the press;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the proposed *deal is likely to affect the existing international balance of power; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to safeguard interests of the developing countries in general and India in particular?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No , Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

China's Aid to Pakistan in Missile Development

1887. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that United States has lodged a formal protest with China over its continuing export of missiles and missile-related technology to Pakistan and some other countries in disregard of a commitment given last November;

(b) if so, whether according to this report the China is continuously providing aid to Pakistan in missile development;

(c) whether India's claim that China helping Pakistan in missile has been found true; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to discuss this issue with the Chinese Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) After the detection by US intelligence agencies of several shipments of missile components from China to Pakistan earlier this year, the United States has imposed sanctions on the

concerned Chinese and Pakistani entities. It has also been reported that the US has raised this issue of China's continued non-compliance with the November 2000 commitments in several high-level meetings with China.

(c) and (d) China's assistance to Pakistan's missile development programme has been discussed by us with China. China maintains that its military cooperation with Pakistan conforms to the existing international regime on non-proliferation.

American Assurance to help India to wipe off Terrorism

†1888. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN':

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA has given assurance to India to wipe off terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir in its second phase of the campaign;

(b) if so, whether any dialogue has taken place with USA to prepare the format of second phase of the campaign; and

(c) if so, the details of the level of the dialogue and India's representative to this?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) During Prime Minister's meeting with U.S. President George Bush on 09 November 2001 in Washington D.C., the two leaders noted that both countries are targets of terrorism and affirmed the need for a global war against terrorism and its sponsors everywhere in the world. Earlier, on 05 October 2001, the White House Spokesman had stated at a press briefing that President Bush had condemned the terrorist attack in Srinagar on 01 October 2001 and that the President had also said that "terrorism must end everywhere, and that includes in Kashmir".

(b) and (c) India and the United States discuss combating terrorism in all appropriate forums, including in the India-US. Joint Working

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